1750. [Transferred to 19th March 1993.]

Increasing Pollution of Bangalore

1751. SHRI J. P. JAVAL1 : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that air pollution in cities is increasing year by year and Bangalore is identified as the third most polluted city in the country;

(b) which are the other cities in Karnataka, with five lakhs and above population, which are facing this problem; and

(c) what are the cause of air pollution and what steps are being considered to control the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) While the level of air pollution in Bangalore city is increasing, the levels of pollutants such as sulphur dioxide, Oxide of Nitrogen and suspended particulate matter are well within the permissible limits. Bangalore is not the third most polluted city in the country.

(b) Hubli-Dharwad and Mysore face similar air Pollution problems.

(c) The causes for the air pollution are industrial emissions, Vehicular emissions and refuse incineration. The provision of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 provided for pollution control and abatement of air pollution. The State Government has drawn up a Scheme cost ing Rs. 1.75 crores for checking air pollu tion in Bangalore. A public awarenes;, programme has also been launched by the State Government. Since the major con tribution to air pollution is from vehicular emissions, the Police and the Transport Departments in the State with the help of State Pollution Control Board have checked 5671 vehicles in Bangalore city, during 1991-92 and 1992-93 of which, 1129 vio lators have been notified and cases filed in the court.

Coastal Zona Management Plans

1752. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the task force set up by Government's in November, 1992 for examining the draft coastal zone manage raent plans for all coastal States and Union territories has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by when it is likely o submit its report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) No Sir. The Task Force has been set uo to examine and finalise the draft Coas-'.al Zone Management Plans 'being submitted by Coastal States/UT Administrations. No report is expected from it.

(c) The Plans are examined by the Task Force as and when !hey are submitted by he State Govemments/UT Administrations.

प्रत्येक राज्य में वनाच्छादित क्षेत्र की प्रतिशतता

1753. श्री रामजी लाल : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्रत्येक राज्य में इस समय वनाच्छादित क्षेत्र का प्रतिशत कितना-कितना है और दो वर्ष पूर्व यह प्रतिशत कितना-कितना था;

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान वनाच्छादित क्षेत्र में वृद्धि करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार के द्वारा प्रत्येक राज्य को उपलब्ध कराई गई वित्तीय सहायता का राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान आवंटित की जाने वाली प्रस्तावित वित्तीय सहायता का राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्रीमती मारग्रेट आल्वा) : (क) 1985-87 और 1987-89 की अवधियों